

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shinichi NOMURA et al.

Application No.: 10/590,974

Filed: October 20, 2006

Docket No.: 128581

For: DRIVING APPARATUS FOR HYBRID VEHICLE (AS AMENDED)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to taking the application up for examination, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**